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SUBJECT: TERRORISM

DURING A DINNER LAST EVENING FOREIGN MINISTER TETENES
MADE CLEAR GOG DID NOT CONSIDER ARAB TERRORISTS AS
CRIMINALS BUT AS POLITICAL PRISONERS. I REMINDED HIM
THAT THESE TERRORISTS HAD MURDERED AMERICANS IN COLD
BLOOD AT THE ATHENS AIRPORT AND SHOULD BE PUNISHED
SEVERELY. IN VIEW OF HIS ATTITUDE I SUGGEST A NOTE IN
CLEAR TERMS POINTING OUT IMPORTANCE TO LIFE OF CIVILIZED
NATIONS THAT TERRORISM BE COMBATTED AND THE VIEW OF
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THAT BECAUSE OF THIS COLD-
BLOODED MURDER OF INNOCENT AMERICANS AT THE ATHENS AIRPORT
LAST SUMMER, WE SINCERELY TRUSTED THAT THE GREEK GOVERNMENT,
TRUE TO ITS GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO WESTERN CIVILIZATION
IN ITS SUPREME EXPOSITION OF HUMAN VALUES WOULD NOT BARTER
AWAY THE LIVES OF INNOCENT MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN BECAUSE OF
THE GANGSTER BLACKMAIL TACTICS OF THREATENING FURTHER LAWLESSNESS.
I SUGGEST THE FOREGOING NOTE BE TRANSMITTED TO THE GREEK EMBASSY
IN WASHINGTON AND THAT I BE INSTRUCTED TO DELIVER A COPY
TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.
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